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*Die Verkehrs-Sprachen der Erde.* Von Dr FRANZ WINTERSTEIN. Zweite vermehrte Auflage. Berlin : 1908. 52 pp.

This interesting little book treats briefly of the present status of all languages of importance for human intercourse, particularly those that have been, more or less, or hoped to be, world-languages. Practically all living tongues of any great influence, from Abyssinian to Zapotec, are considered or at least mentioned. In the introductory pages the question of a "world-language" is touched upon, the author inclining to the view that some *living* language must ultimately become such, possibly English. The number of people speaking the chief languages of the world is estimated as follows: English somewhat fewer than 200,000,000; Russian, 100,000,000; German (counting those speaking it in America, etc.) 87,000,000; Dutch 9,000,000; Spanish 45,000,000; Portuguese 22,000,000; Italian 38,000,000; French 47,000,000; Greek 3,000,000; Chinese 400,000,000; Japanese 46,000,000; Arabic 55,000,000; Malay 25,000,000; Turkish 25,000,000; Hindustani 100,000,000, etc. Among the "mixed languages" and jargons referred to are the Papiamentu of Curaçao, Negro-English of Guiana and Guinea, "pigeon German" of Kiau-Chau, "pigeon English" of the East Indies, "pigeon French" of Farther India, "pigeon Russian" of the Kiachta region on the Siberian border, the "Dschue tongo" (Jewish language) of Dutch Guiana — in America the "Chinook Jargon" seems to have been missed. The section relating to America (pp. 34-41), indeed, needs revision and the elimination of such statements as that on page 34 that the natives of Alaska "speak the Slové-dialect, a mixture of Russian, Indian, and Eskimo." Also the one on pages 37-38, to the effect that Aztec "is divided into many dialects, particularly Tarascan, Otomi, and Zapotec; in Yucatan it is called Maya or Quiché, in Central America Cakchiquel." There are some misprints also; e. g., Ayamara, Guayakum, etc. Dr Winterstein is a patriotic German, and urges his countrymen to keep their own speech and spread it abroad over the whole earth. English, he thinks, has perhaps reached its highest level, and German has nothing to fear from other competitors — so *Hie gut Deutsch allewege!*

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*Mata-Hari oder Wanderungen eines indonesischen Sprachforschers durch die drei Reiche der Natur.* Von Prof. Dr RENWARD BRANDSTETTER. Luzern : E. Haag, 1908. 55 p.

This monograph, whose title, *Mata-hari*, "The eye of day," is the Malay name for the sun, forms the fifth in the author's series of "Malayo-Polynesian Researches" and is an etymological-psychological study of ap-